

## **§900 APPROVAL OF DIRECTORS OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

*"...Diocesan offices should...establish norms for accrediting catechists, including directors and coordinators, catechists in parish programs, Catholic school personnel, etc. These norms should require demonstrated competence and should not be based solely on 'paper credentials.'" (NCD, #218)*

**901.1. Policy** All candidates for the position of Director of Religious Education shall be approved by the Office for Catechesis before applying for the position of Director of Religious Education in the local parish.

### ***Procedures***

- a) It is the responsibility of the applicant to seek approval from the Office for Catechesis.
- b) Applicants must follow the procedures for DRE approval outlined in the *Procedural Steps for Procuring a Position as a Parish Director of Religious Education, Archdiocese of Chicago*, which is available from the Office for Catechesis.
- c) The Archdiocesan DRE approval process verifies that the candidate fulfills the necessary professional requirements for the position of Director of Religious Education within the Archdiocese. It does not substitute for adequate screening at the local level as described in §1000 & Title I, §202.
- d) Applicants who have not completed a Master's degree and/or do not have prior experience as Director of Religious Education can secure Provisional Approval as per policy 801.1(a)(6).